

"You are welcome hither."


ARDEN
TRUSTEES OF ARDEN
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ARDEN, DE 19810
(302) 475-7980

Dear New Neighbor,

Welcome to the Village of Arden—a historical community that thrives on the active participation of its residents and offers a rich community life. We want to give you a brief orientation to our community and urge you to look further by reading *The Arden Book* and by going to the Web sites: theardens.com and <http://arden.delaware.gov/>.

ARDEN TRUST: Please review your 99-year renewable transferable lease carefully.

It defines the contract between you and the Arden Trust. This contract protects your interests as well as those of the Arden Trust and your neighbors. It is the document that assigns and grants you exclusive use of the leasehold. There is no individual deed.

You do not pay real estate taxes to the school district or New Castle County. An annual sewer service charge is the only bill that you will pay directly to the County. Why? Arden was founded in 1900 as a planned community based on the principle of common ownership of the land in a trust with private ownership (without taxation) of your house and other improvements. The founders of Arden were supporters of the political economist Henry George (1839–1897) who advocated government revenue from the rental value of land only. They founded Arden as a community to demonstrate the concept of land rent for public revenue.

In March, you (or the bank that holds your mortgage) will pay an annual land rent to the Arden Trustees based on an assessment determined by the Board of Assessors who are elected annually via a referendum held in the fall each year.

Before you cut down a tree, you must receive permission from one of the Arden Trustees. Please contact the Trustee's office for the permission form.

VILLAGE OF ARDEN GOVERNMENT: Arden relies on volunteers to do much of the work that keeps the community functioning. After you have been a resident for six months you can vote at Town Meetings and run for election to Town Committees. Quarterly Town Meetings are held the fourth Monday in January, March, June, and September. A member of the Registration Committee will be contacting you with *The Arden Book* and will give you further details about the particulars of our town government.

TRASH: Because it is information that you need immediately, curbside trash pick up is every Friday morning and curbside recycling pick up is every Tuesday morning in official blue containers. For the details of trash pick up, contact the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, www.dswa.com or 1-800-404-7080 or Arden Civic Committee (302) 373-5270.

COMMUNITY LIFE: If you would like to get involved, Arden has many social organizations. The Arden Community Recreation Association (ACRA); Arden Gild Hall, maintained by the Arden Club, www.ardenclub.com, (302) 475-3126; and the Buzz Ware Village Center (302) 475-2818, are often the entry points of participation for new residents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at: (302) 475-7980.

Sincerely,
Trustees of Arden


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